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NEW DISTRICT OFFICERS



R. J. THURMOND
Superintendent



R. J. RENFROE
Secretary-Treasurer

At a special called District Council during the Midwinter Convention in San Jose, California, January 14, 1942, R. J. Thurmond was elected District Superintendent and R. J. Renfroe of Dunsmuir, California, Secretary-Treasurer. Brother Thurmond replaces L. R. Keys, who resigned to take the pastorate of Glad Tidings Temple at San Francisco.

Brother Thurmond has been in the General Council fellowship, and in an official capacity in the district, for many years, serving first as presbyter and then as District Secretary-Treasurer, which position he held for the past five and a half years, most of this time being spent in the district office located on the St. Helena Camp Ground supervising the development of the camp along with his other duties. Upon the death of the former superintendent, J. Paul Thommen, in 1939, Brother Thurmond took over the duties of superintendent for seven months until the election of Brother Keys in June, 1940; also since the resignation of Brother Keys last November, he has been doing the field work of the superintendent. Brother and Sister Thurmond have been connected with the Gospel work in this section since their conversion in September, 1921. They will maintain their residence at St. Helena at least until after the annual Council.

Brother R. J. Renfroe came into the district several years ago and accepted the pastorate in Ukiah, serving as District Presbyter while there. Two and a half years ago he was called to the Dunsmuir Assembly, also serving as presbyter in that section until the present time. He has assisted Brother Thurmond in the office work during the past three camp meetings, so is familiar with some of the details of the office routine. Brother and Sister Renfroe and family are moving to St. Helena to take up their residence at the camp ground as Brother Renfroe takes over his work as Secretary-Treasurer February 1, 1942.

Manifestations of the Holy Spirit

By R. J. THURMOND, Superintendent

One of the strangest things that confronts those who know the Lord and have the Baptism of the Holy Ghost is the fact that so many people reject the message of the anointing of the Spirit and seem to feel that God does not work today as He did in days of yore.

But let it be said that God has always worked by a moving of His Spirit. Even back in the very beginning when everything was chaos and void we read in the first chapter of Genesis how the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. And thank God this moving has never ceased. God has moved upon the troubled water of many lives and a garden of Eden has sprung forth.

Many scriptures could be quoted how God moved by His Spirit—but one that is outstanding is found in Numbers 11, where Moses chooses the seventy elders, and it tells us in the 25th verse that “the Lord came down in a cloud and took of the spirit that was upon him and gave it unto the seventy elders, and it came to pass that when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied and did not cease.” It was like that on the day of Pentecost and like it is in some lives today. It was a new experience—a moving of the Spirit of God, not the spirit of man, and men prophesied, speaking of things they never thought of before, of the wonderful works of God and speaking forth in praise, in exhortation, in warning, in instruction, in righteousness, and in prayer. It goes on to tell of two of the men who did not go up to the tabernacle but prophesied in the camp and to those who think the only place to read the Bible, to receive the Baptism, or to hear anything about God, is in the church, we read here of how a young man complained of them being about the camp, and Moses said unto him, “Enviest thou for my sake? Would God that all the Lord’s people were prophets and that the Lord would put his spirit upon them.”

That is what we desire, like Paul as he stood before King Agrippa and said “I would that ye were altogether as I am, except these bonds,” for Paul had found the joy of salvation and the joy of Christian service.

How sad it is that some Christians do not want the power of the Spirit of God to rest upon them for they are afraid of some strange manifestation, but Moses would have all the Lord’s people filled with the Spirit and prophesying. One more Scriptural scene along this line that we will mention is when Samuel anointed Saul for King and tells him that on his journey home he would meet up with a company of prophets, and “The Spirit of the Lord will come upon thee, and thou shalt prophesy with them, and shalt be turned into another man. And let it be, when these signs are come upon thee, that thou do as occasion serve thee; for God is with thee,” and it goes on to tell how the Spirit of the Lord came upon him and the people questioned, “Is Saul also among the prophets?”

Friends, there need be no doubt as to the coming the Spirit of the Lord upon people. We realize it is strange to those round about, but we need a sign, as it is a poor matter to guess whether you have the Holy Spirit or not—and you don’t need to guess, for a definite sign is given by God even as at the day of Pentecost—and like Saul, you will be turned into another man. Read about this in the tenth chapter of 1 Samuel.

Some people cannot see that these Scriptures refer to Pentecost, but these were types of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit when your sons and your daughters should prophesy after the day of Pentecost—after the Holy Spirit was sent into the world to bring forth the kingdom of righteousness, exalting Christ in the lives of humanity, empowering for continuous service, yet going about as strangers in the world. The world will not love one who talks of Christ and preaches Christ continually for He will be strange to them, and even professing Christendom will frown upon those whose lives are changed, for they desire everything to be pleasant and pleasing with nothing that might disturb their quietness. But God’s ways are not man’s ways. He works as He will and we are indeed grateful that He not only sent forth His Son to save fallen humanity but has shed forth this, His Spirit, the Pentecostal experience, to em-

NEW ASSISTANT EDITOR

Marjorie Maddocks has been appointed Assistant Editor of GLAD TIDINGS and will be doing the most of the work on the paper hereafter. Sermon material, articles, etc., can be sent direct to her or mailed to the District Office. The paper will continue to be published and mailed from St. Helena until the annual District Council with Sister Maddocks spending a week at the camp each month to take care of this. Sister “Marge” needs no introduction, as she has been in the district work many years doing secretarial work at the District Councils and Camp Meetings and as editor of the Camp News. Her address is P. O. Box 316, Oakdale, California.

power us for service, giving unmistakable signs that the Spirit of the Lord has come.

We would urge you to cry out to God that His power might rest upon you, for we are living in a day when many “isms” are abroad, and modernism, Communism, Fascism, and Nazism—the gods of this world—cannot be fought against without THE BAPTISM (the right kind of ism), the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, the Pentecostal power and fire.

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"Take Heed Unto Thyself"

By LELAND R. KEYS

(Closing sermon as District Superintendent. Stenographically reported. San Jose Mid-Winter Convention.)

It is with mingled feelings that I stand before you today for the last time as your District Superintendent. The past year and one-half has been indeed a happy time of service. However, I feel that my acceptance of the call to the pastorate of Glad Tidings Temple in San Francisco is definitely in the will of God. We are not saying "good-bye," for we shall continue to have blessed fellowship together in the District. I want to thank God and also to thank you for the fullest cooperation which we have received from every one of you while it was our privilege to serve you.

You will find my text in 1 Timothy 4:16, "Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee."

There are many characteristics that might be mentioned which are of importance in the life of a minister, but the one all-important element is the character of the preacher himself.

One writer has stated, "I am sick of the discussion concerning the various mental or intellectual qualities of different preachers, as though anything of that description could account for the varied success of their work. Whereas, behind all that, the secret of success lies in the spiritual preparation of the soul." Another has suggested that the best college for the preacher is a rich spiritual experience. Now we do not mean to discredit education; it has its place; however, God has at times used men and women of very limited educational advantages, and we must not put the emphasis where it does not belong. The all-important element in the life of a minister is a rich experience in God. If one has had greater educational advantages than others let him not glory; his responsibility is all the greater before God because of the privileges he has had.

Speaking of our spiritual experiences as ministers reminds me of a leading evangelist who was asked how his teaching and preaching remained so fresh. He replied, "I seek to break down at the feet of Christ every few weeks."

There are four or five characteristics about the man whom God is most likely to use that I should like to discuss: Hu-

mility is one of these. The man who exalts himself will be abased; God says so. This grace has characterized the most mighty men of God. When Abraham approached God on behalf of Lot he spoke of himself as being but dust and ashes. Moses was known as the meekest man. Note that this word does not mean "soft." There is a vast difference between meekness and softness. Paul referred to himself as "less than the least of all the saints." No one ever charged such men as Moody or Booth with being proud and arrogant. True humility of spirit implies a certain self-effacement. I heard one time of a brother who led out in prayer for his pastor in these words; just before he began to preach: "O Lord we thank Thee for our brother; now blot him out." Such a prayer does not inflate a preacher's ego but it is good for him.

The second attribute of a spiritual man of God is *obedience*. "To obey is better than sacrifice." It is often easier to be willing to do everything and anything else but the thing that God asks us to do. There is nothing that we have to fight against any harder than our own will. We want *our way*. However, there cannot be two kings on one throne. It is a question as to whether Christ or Self shall occupy the throne. As we read the Word of God we are impressed by the obedience of men like Noah, David, Samuel, Philip and a host of others, including, of course, Paul the apostle. Of the movements of the early apostles it is stated that on one occasion "the Spirit suffered them not," and they were obedient to the Spirit of God. Obedience also implies that the preacher faithfully delivers the message that God has given him for the people. There are times when a God-given message will, as in the case of John the Revelator, be as sweet as honey in the mouth but bitter in the stomach; nevertheless, faithfully proclaim it; that is the part of obedience. God will honor and bless it when spoken in love.

We are living in a day when the voice of a prophet needs to be heard in the land. This is no time for stream-lining our message. This is no time for compromise.

There is a third characteristic of which we should like to speak, namely, *love*, or

affection. Note that I did not say affection. It is absurd for a preacher in our day to affect mannerisms which are unnatural, such as a "holy" tone of voice or mannerisms in the pulpit which are unreal and hence artificial; a thing which God cannot bless, for God hates sham and hypocrisy in every form.

But now the question will be asked, "Love or affection for whom?" Well, primarily for the Lord Jesus Christ. A preacher ought to be so in love with Him that everybody else will want to love Him too. Those who have been privileged to sit under the ministry of that blessed man of God, Gipsy Smith Sr., have come away from his services loving Jesus more. Love to Christ is the passion of the Gipsy's life and ministry; therefore others catch the same spirit. In his sermons, his songs, his book, Jesus is ever the object of his most ardent love and devotion. He makes Jesus beautiful; he makes Him desirable. One of his theme songs is "Let the Beauty of Jesus Be Seen in Me." The title of his book is "The Beauty of Jesus." Such a love and such a spirit will fill us with a passion to win men for Christ. Jesus on one occasion stated to the disciples that which would be the motive power of their witnessing when He said, "Ye shall bear witness . . . because ye have been with me."

Another indispensable element in the life of God's preacher is that of utter dependence upon God. This is in contradistinction to a carnal spirit of independence. No preacher has been preaching very long until he learns that he is absolutely dependent upon God for success. Now God pours Himself into the life of the individual by means of the Holy Spirit. "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." God, through the Holy Spirit, has made us what we are as a movement and as individuals. We are dependent upon Him for future blessing and success.

A note that needs to be sounded in this day is in regard to the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and later infillings. It is not enough to receive the Baptism as an initial experience. We must go on, and we must teach our people to go on and be filled

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Introducing . . . OUR COTTAGE GROVE CHURCH



The church is located on the Klamath River about half way between Yreka and Eureka and was originally pastored by Lydia and Esther Graner, missionaries from the Full Gospel Tabernacle, Fresno, in 1932. These sisters pioneered this work among the Indians and later went to the Foreign Missions field, Sister Lydia to India and Sister Esther to Africa.

Brother Harold Lehmann assisted by others built this log church for the Graner Sisters. Later the church was pastored by other missionaries of our District Council Fellowship, J. H. Spittler, T. S. Gopen, and the present pastor, G. M. Karparian.

The Graner Sisters turned the lease on the property over to the district with the consent of their former sponsors and the station has since been maintained as one of our Home Missions works. Improvements have been made at various times and a nice parsonage comprises part of the building.

Brother and Sister Kasparian and family have been there for the past two and a half years and the Lord has blessed their ministry to the community.



Pastor and Mrs.
G. M. Kasparian
and boys.

HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONARY M. W. C. REPORT

Thursday afternoon, January 15, was given over to the Missionaries. Brother C. E. Persing, chairman of the Home Missions Committee, introduced the following Home Missionaries: Brother Lowell Dowdy of Ferndale who gave a very interesting report of his work which was started only about one year ago; Brother Douglas Cooksey of Happy Camp, who told of the work that has been done to the church to make it comfortable and of added interest there; Brother James Merwin of Weitchpec and Brother George M. Kasparian of Cottage Grove Church who told of their work among the Indians; Sister Alberta Daniels, who with her daughter, Elaine, expects to go to South America to work among the Spanish people, told of their work at Newman among the Spanish and Portuguese people.

Brother A. L. Calame who recently returned from Wrangell, Alaska, told of his work there and of his plans to return to Seward, Alaska. Though the Government officials have sent their wives and children out of Alaska on account of war conditions, civilians are still allowed to return and it is Brother Calame's desire to return as soon as possible.

Sister Ruth Couchman of Peru, South America, expects to return in May to the field where she has labored for a number of years.

Other missionaries present were Lief Erickson, Hedvig Hansen, and Grace Agar from China.

W.M.C. REPORT

With the election of Superintendent and Secretary-Treasurer, the officers of the Women's Missionary Council automatically changed in accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws, Mrs. R. J. Thurmond taking Mrs. L. R. Keys' place as Director and Mrs. R. J. Renfroe taking the place of Assistant Director. Mrs. C. E. Persing continues as Secretary of the W.M.C.

After a song and prayer, Sister Thurmond read from the thirty-third chapter of Ezekiel about the Watchman and exhorted all to be faithful witnesses both by word and deed. Those taking part in the program were: Carolyn Slattery and Inez Dennert from Blue Lake; Theresa Cun-

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FOREIGN MISSIONARY REPORT

Greetings come from Brother L. W. Jaeger in Johannesburg, South Africa. He says: "I am so glad that I obeyed the call of the Lord and came here, for though my work has been very hard on me as I am on the go all the time, never over a fortnight in one place, my whole stay here has been one glorious revival meeting, such healings I have not witnessed before. In last night's meeting 17 gave their hearts to the Lord and in the past week almost 30 have come to God. If the war will let me, this coming year, 1942, I want to make a trip to the Congo. Tell all the brethren that I send kind regards to them and that I would like to see them."

Sister Inez Kreiss writes from India that the sickness she told of in her last letter has lifted. "We cried unto the Lord and He heard us in our time of trouble and now we are going forward leaning on our Beloved, trusting Him to accomplish that which He pleases in this vast area of Jalaun District with 500,000 without the LIGHT OF THE WORLD, EVEN JESUS."

From Huancayo, Peru, South America, Brother and Sister Luther Perkins and Daniel and Evelyn Williams send greetings and pictures of their Sunday School and young people's group. The Sunday School picture shows a fine group but they state that many of them have poor clothes and did not want their pictures taken. God is blessing their ministry in Huancayo Church.

"Dear Homeland Saints," write Brother and Sister Jerry Triemstra from Huancahuambo, Peru, "we want to thank all you brothers and sisters for your kind letters, your financial support, and also your prayers which have enabled us to spread the gospel to many in this land. We have gone farther into the mountain regions of Peru. Continue to pray for us this coming year."

From Santa Ana, El Salvador, Central America, comes word from Brother and Sister Ralph Williams: "Two days ago we closed the Bible School term for this year and tomorrow we plan, the Lord willing, to start on an evangelistic mission

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Studies in Revelation

By J. NARVER GORTNER

STUDY XXIII

War in Heaven, the Outcome There, and the Result on Earth. Chapter 12:7-17.

Let us not forget that we are dealing with prophecy. The most of the things that we read of in Revelation as having taken place are still future. John was seeing a vision, and he records what he saw in the vision. We may say, therefore, that these things have taken place *prophetically*, but they have not yet taken place *historically*. But as all prophecy that has not yet been fulfilled will be fulfilled, and fulfilled according to divine schedule, we can be certain that these things John saw take place in his vision will actually take place *historically* when the time for the fulfillment of the prophecy shall have come.

I. War in Heaven

"There was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon: and the dragon fought and his angels."

1. The object. The expulsion of Satan from heaven. The idea that Satan was expelled from heaven when he sinned, and that God at that time shut him up in hell, and that he has been there ever since, is an erroneous idea. It was the idea of Milton, but it is not the teaching of the Word. Milton wrote:

"Him the Almighty power
Hurled headlong flaming from the ether-
eal sky,
With hideous ruin and combustion down
To bottomless perdition, there to dwell
In adamantine chains and penal fire."

Doubtless what Milton wrote has greatly influenced the thought of the church. He wrote wonderful poetry, but he is not a safe expositor of the Word. Satan was not thrust out of heaven when he sinned. He had access to the presence of God in Job's day, and he talked to God. See Job 1:6-12. There is no record anywhere in the Bible that since that time he has been excluded from the divine presence. It may be that there are parts of heaven to which he is denied admittance, for heaven is doubtless a very vast realm, but that he still appears in heaven in the presence of

God that he may accuse the brethren is doubtless true. His presence does not defile heaven. God has provided a way whereby saints can come into contact with the world, and not be defiled by that contact; and we know that our Lord was here in the flesh, and that He came into contact with sinners, and was not defiled thereby. He was in the world, but He was not of the world. The presence of Satan in heaven cannot defile heaven any more than the coming of sinners into the presence of God can defile God, or the coming of sinners into the presence of Jesus when He was here in the flesh could defile the spotless Son of God. Paul tells us that we are seated with Christ Jesus in the heavenlies, and that there "we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness," or, as Moffatt renders it, "the spirit-forces of evil."

2. The combatants. Michael and his angels. The dragon and his angels. Some would have us believe that Michael is Christ. He is described in Dan. 10:13 as one of the chief princes." It is not at all likely that Christ would be thus described. In Dan. 12:1 he is called "the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people," i.e., Daniel's people, the Jews. In Jude (verse 9) he is called "the archangel." He is the only archangel concerning whom we read in the Scriptures. He will accompany our Lord when Christ shall come to rapture His saints. See 1 Thess. 4:16. It appears from the reference in Jude that the devil endeavored to prevent the resurrection of Moses that Michael had been commissioned to accomplish, and that he was frustrated in his purpose by the words, "The Lord rebuke thee." And at the time of the end he will endeavor to prevent the accomplishment of the divine purpose, but will be defeated. Notice that the initiative in the great conflict here prophetically described was taken by Michael.

3. The character of the conflict. It will be spiritual. Weapons that are made use of in earthly warfare will not be used; they

would be ineffectual. Shells and bombs and poisonous gases are without avail in a spiritual conflict. Since the conflict is spiritual in its nature it is imperative that the weapons made use of be spiritual too.

II. The Victory of Michael, the Celebration of the Victory, and the Announcement of the Third Woe. Verses 8-12.

1. Victory. Michael succeeded in the accomplishment of that which he undertook to accomplish. He was moving in divine order, and those who move in divine order, move in harmony with the divine purposes, are bound to be victorious. Satan is represented as contesting the effort to eject him from heaven; he bitterly opposed the divine plan, but he and his angels "prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him." Perhaps the idea that Satan at the time he sinned was expelled from heaven originated with the idea that what we have here is history rather than prophecy.

2. Celebration of the victory. "And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is the salvation and the power, and the kingdom, become our God's, and the authority is to become His Christ's (marginal rendering in R.V.): for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night." Notice that we here have an intimation as to the frequency of the appearances of Satan in heaven as the accuser of the brethren—"day and night." Satan is a persistent accuser.

The manner in which the accused brethren will overcome the enemy in the future will be the same as the manner in which they have overcome him in the past, i.e., "by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony." The reference here is undoubtedly to the tribulation saints in particular. The church age will have come to an end, the church saints will have been raptured, a great revival will have taken place on the earth; bitter per-

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DISTRICT COUNCIL NEWS

R. J. THURMOND, *Superintendent*

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R. J. RENFROE, *Secretary-Treasurer*

SPECIAL NOTICE

CAMP CHURCH DAY—February 2 and 3, 1942.

Bring a carload of workers and help complete the St. Helena Camp Ground Church. Several have been helping since the Mid-Winter Convention and we look forward to a large group over these two days. Don't fail us! We're looking for you.

R. E. RAY, *Pastor.*

A token of esteem and love in the form of an engraved desk pen set was presented to Brother L. R. Keys, our resigned District Superintendent, at the Mid-Winter Convention. Brother Thurmond made the presentation in behalf of our fellowship to Brother Keys who was greatly surprised and delighted. The Women's Missionary Council gave Sister Keys a Walnut Cross plaque as a gift of remembrance for her work as director of the W.M.C.

Rosemary Hummel has been the stenographer in the district office for the past two and a half months assisting with extra office work since I assumed the field work of the Superintendent along with the duties of Secretary-Treasurer. Rosemary has been a fine help and is very capable and efficient. She is now planning on going into the Civil Service and we pray the Lord will make the right opening for her. God bless you, Rosemary. R.J.T.

Fifty-six subscriptions and renewals to GLAD TIDINGS were received at the Mid-Winter Convention in San Jose. Don't fail to renew your subscription. Ask others to subscribe.

The Annual District Council and Camp Meeting dates are June 23 to July 12, 1942. The first week comprises the District Council and Christ's Ambassadors Convention.

SISTER MAST ATTENDS SPRINGFIELD SUNDAY SCHOOL CONFERENCE

The District Presbytery voted to help Sister Bernice Mast, our District Sunday School Representative, to attend a Sunday School Conference in Springfield, Mo., Jan. 20-23, 1942, and she left at the close of our M. W. Convention so as to be there on time. Headquarters at Springfield are also helping to defray expenses and entertainment to enable all District Sunday School Representatives to attend.

We were thankful for four splendid Home Missions offerings over the Holiday seasons.

One anonymous, Sacramento, \$50.00.
Hitchcock Sisters, Oakland, \$29.90.
Oakland Revival Tabernacle, Oakland, \$43.35.
Mrs. Margaret Leathem, Jamaica, B. W. I., \$93.75.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FACTS

By DR. C. H. BENSON

Eighteen years ago Dr. Johnson gave us some statistics with a story I will never forget. It has had a great deal to do with my becoming so deeply interested in Sunday School Work.

Dr. Johnson said that a county in Ohio determined it would keep statistics on the actual results of its Evangelistic Campaigns. And for a period of 35 years, such statistics were kept. They found that a total of 1800 campaigns had been conducted and at the end of the time there were five hundred less church members than at the beginning.

But there was a man, not a minister but a Sunday School Superintendent, Frank L. Brown a Christian Lawyer, He believed that God had called him to a great work when He made him superin-

tendent of a Sunday School. He realized that the Sunday School teacher was the great evangelist of the Church.

So he set out to train every teacher of his School and to make an evangelist out of every one of them. What took place? There were 50 members in that Sunday School when Mr. Brown became the superintendent. In 35 years the attendance of that school was brought up to three thousand. It grew from 50 to 3000! But that was not all! Out of that Sunday School came recruits for a Church membership such as the little Methodist Church had never seen. One man had the vision that it was not large evangelistic campaigns that was needed most but rather the recruiting and training of teachers as evangelists that was the great work of the church.

In the early Apostolic church every Christian was an evangelist, and that is why the church went along like a red hot ball which nothing could withstand.

Winning people to Christ cannot be done in an hour. It cannot be done in a month. It takes time if the work is to be of permanent nature.

Eighty-seven per cent of our converts fall away after five years, but the boys and girls whom you as a teacher have trained will be in the church fifty years from now if Jesus tarries. And this is their testimony: "First, I learned to love my teacher. Next I learned to love my teacher's Bible, and then I learned to love my teacher's Teacher." The boy or girl who has learned to love his teacher's Teacher will not drop out or forget very easily.

WANTED: A PASTOR

When a church seeks a pastor they often want him to have: the strength of an eagle, the gentleness of a dove, the friendliness of a sparrow, the grace of a swan, and when they catch the bird, they expect him to live on the food of a canary.—*Selected.*

News FROM HERE AND THERE

By ALBERT J. LEBECK, Field Reporter :: 2622 W Street :: Sacramento, California

Boonville

Pastor Glenn Akers announces a dedication service for February 2 at the Fellowship Meeting there. The first service was held in the new church January 11 with a nice increase in attendance, he writes.

Covelo

On January 1 it was our happy privilege to have Brother R. J. Thurmond with us to dedicate new living rooms and the prayer room which have been a recent improvement to the Assembly of God church in Covelo. We thank the Lord for every one who had a part in helping to make this possible. Brother Thurmond's message was a real encouragement to the assembly. Already God has set His seal and showed His pleasure, as Tuesday evening, January 6, one soul sought and found Jesus as her personal Saviour.—*Pastor H. L. Marlenee.*

Delhi

Evangelist P. C. Tacker held a revival campaign the first part of January and has accepted a call to become pastor of the work.

Ely, Nevada

Pastor George Kiser reports a good meeting with Evangelist Frederick Neasham. Two were saved and the members drawn closer to the Lord. Some were healed. He also states, "Our members are surely thankful for the Tabernacle."

Fallon, Nevada

Pastor Clyde Billings reports eleven reclaimed in the last four months and three saved. One was a drunkard who had not gone to church for seventeen years. (Praise the Lord for the good report.)

Ferndale

Evangelist and Mrs. Richard Yunker held a campaign in which three were saved with a good attendance of local people hearing the old time Gospel each evening.—*L. E. Dowdy, Pastor.*

Fortuna

The Redwood District fellowship meeting and watch night service was combined on December 31, with Pastor J. W. Belchar of Eureka as the afternoon speaker and Evangelist R. Yunker the evening speaker. Pastor Joe Thomas writes: "The presence of the Lord was with us in mighty power, coming in as a mighty wind with several messages in tongues and interpretations and the ministry of the speakers was a blessing and encouragement to all."

Gilroy

William L. TaVares was elected as Pastor at a business meeting last month. He had been filling in since Pastor Arthur Hyland resigned to accept a call to the church in Springfield, Oregon. Brother Hyland sends in a good report of the work where he is now pastor.

FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE

February

Feb. 2	Ferndale—Manteca
9	Richmond—Boonville
	San Bruno — Wood-
	land
16	Fairfield—Kerman
17	Montague
23	Soledad—Chico

Gridley

The December North Sacramento Valley fellowship meeting was held here and the afternoon speaker was Pastor P. E. Radley of Chico and the evening speaker Evangelist Nicolas Pirolo.

Hughson

Louis G. LaPorte is pastoring the work at Hughson.

Janesville

John and Pauline Mastries have resigned as pastors and are in Southern California in evangelistic work. Evangelist Cecilia Nixon is now filling in until a new pastor is called.

Las Vegas, Nevada

Pastor James Duguid writes, "We are now having evangelistic meetings and so far one has been saved and two received the infilling of the Holy Spirit for which we certainly are happy."

Lodi

Pastor Stanley McPherson reports that they have just closed a very successful "V-For Victory Young People's Conference" at Glad Tidings Temple in Lodi conducted by Evangelist Paul Pipkin. He reports that Brother Pipkin is a young man and is an unusual speaker with a passion for souls and a man of prayer. Several souls were saved and the church revived in general. One young man received the Baptism with the Holy Ghost and was later seen by the evangelist and pastor, seated on a bench in a park witnessing to a man about the good things of Christ. The conference closed with great victory in the camp, the prayer room being filled to capacity with the children of God seeking showers of refreshment from the presence of the Lord.

Brother McPherson has gone to Pasadena, Texas, for an evangelistic engagement and Sister McPherson is in charge of the services and radio program while he is away.

Los Banos

Four new Sunday School rooms have been added to the church and also a new room added to the parsonage at Los Banos where Brother C. G. Roberts is pastor.

Modesto

Pastor H. T. Langley reports thirty-seven conversions in the past five weeks in the regular services. (Hallelujah!)

Mt. Shasta

Jack Opie resigned as pastor in Mt. Shasta on January 4.

Nevada City

Evangelist Josiah Tucker who has just recently come into the Pentecostal experience began a revival campaign here on January 18.

Oakdale

During Paul Pipkin's meetings in Oakdale for a short time before the Christmas holidays there was a real spirit of revival manifest. There were ten at the altar for salvation and eight received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. The revival commenced two days before the meetings began the Sunday evening Brother and Sister Thurmond visited the assembly. One received the Baptism that evening, and some have received since the close of the evangelistic services. The revival among the young people has gone on into the new year, and it is hoped that such a blessing will be upon them throughout the year.

Oakland (Bethel)

Evangelists Leonard and Medora Rogers held a two weeks campaign from December 28, 1941, to January 11, 1942, as a Mid-Winter Prayer and Evangelistic Conference.

Oakland (Temple Church)

The East Bay fellowship meeting was held here on January 5 as a pre-Midwinter Convention fellowship and was largely attended. A Women's Missionary Council Meeting and a Minister's Meeting preceded the afternoon service with Brother T. J. Jones speaking to a large ministerial gathering. Brother P. C. Nelson of Enid, Oklahoma, also spoke. The afternoon service speakers were Evangelist A. H. Argue and District Secretary-Treasurer R. J. Thurmond and the evening service speaker, Evangelist Zelma Argue.

Oakland

Pilgrim's Temple Community Church, 7007 Trenor Street. Pastor John Nelson reports that they began a meeting with Evangelist Charles Fuller on January 18.

Oakland (Revival Tabernacle)

Pastor Harley J. Ketner advises they have moved from 10th and Franklin Streets to a ground floor location at Twelfth and Alice Streets.

Patterson

Pastor C. R. Peterson reports improvements in the past several months of painting the benches and prayer-room and a gas heater in. (Continued on page 14)

Report of the Mi

A large, enthusiastic group of people gathered at the Upper Room Mission in San Jose Monday evening, January 12, for the opening rally of the Midwinter Convention of the Northern California and Nevada Assemblies of God. Brother A. J. Lebeck, the Program Committee chairman, very ably conducted the preliminary part of the service. The "Light Bearers Quartet" was called upon twice for special numbers and Sister Lillie Buffum brought a blessing with the reciting of her poem. The spiritual trend of the musical numbers, songs, solos, was outstanding and all will long remember "how the power fell" as hearts were lifted in worship.

The theme of the whole convention was "Ye Are Witnesses" and started with Brother Argue's first sermon with the text Acts 1:8, "But ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me. . ." Matthew 24:14 says that "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations" and we need to be witnesses. When invasion and destruction came to European countries, thousands called upon God and prayed and no doubt thousands were saved because someone had witnessed.

On Tuesday evening Brother Argue's message was from the second chapter of Zephaniah. "Gather yourselves together

all ye meek of the earth—before the day of the LORD'S anger come upon you—seek meekness: it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the LORD'S anger." The first chapter tells why they should seek the LORD. They have sinned against the LORD. It is a picture of the last days.

After a time of blessing in the preliminary part of the Friday evening service by the C.A.s, Brother Argue closed the convention with words from the second chapter in Joel: "Blow ye the trumpet in Zion and sound an alarm. . . . Gather the people . . . gather the children. . . ." God's people need to stand together in these last days.

Sister Zelma Argue was the Wednesday evening speaker at the Midwinter Convention and her subject was "Overshadowing Wings," her text being taken from Hebrews 12:22, "But ye are come unto mount Sion and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels." Elijah prayed down fire and rain from heaven and was exhausted, but an angel gave him consolation. In 2 Kings 6 in answer to prayer the spiritual eyes of Elisha's servant were opened that he might see the overshadowing wings. At Jericho Joshua lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, there stood a man over against him with his sword drawn in his hand who was the cap-

tain of the LORD'S host. An angel shut the lions' mouths and Daniel was delivered. Angels announced the birth of John, the conception and birth of Jesus and sang "Peace and Good-will to Men." An angel ministered to Jesus after His temptation and in the garden and announced that "He is risen." Angels also said, "This same Jesus which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven," and the book of Revelation tells of the activity of angels at the second advent of our Lord.

Brother and Sister A. E. Berg of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, were guest speakers. Brother Berg is the Superintendent of the South Dakota District and his message was taken from 1 Cor. 3:9-14 with text, "let every man take heed how he buildeth." Many are building for only *here* and *now* and not for eternity, but Jesus is our foundation and our only hope.

The special business session was called to order by Brother L. R. Keys on Wednesday morning, January 14. The roster report showed 142 ordained ministers, 53 licensed ministers, 4 exhorters and 43 lay delegates. On the third ballot Brother R. J. Thurmond was elected Superintendent. This left the District Secretary-Treasurer's office open so the business was continued until, after a number of ballots, Brother R. J. Renfroe, pastor from Duns-



Winter Convention

muir, was elected to take Brother Thurmond's place and also as General Presbyter until the Annual District Council in June. Their term of office is for 2½ years.

During the interim while ballots were being counted new ministers in the district and visitors were introduced. Brother E. C. Lagmay, president of the Filipino Assemblies of God, stated that after being organized four years they now have 9 missionaries, 27 assemblies and 30 Filipino native preachers in the Philippine Islands and 20 preachers here. The Lord is graciously blessing Brother Lagmay's ministry, especially in the East where he is holding evangelistic services in churches where the people have never seen a Filipino.

Brother John Gouveia, superintendent of the Portuguese Assemblies of God told of his desire for a school where missionaries to South America can learn the Spanish and Portuguese languages. He also told of his work at Folsom Prison where he has contacted many Portuguese men, some after accepting the Lord having been deported by the government to their native countries where they can witness for the Lord.

Other services of interest and blessed of the Lord were the Women's Missionary Council meeting, the C. A. service and the Home and Foreign Missionary service and Sunday School Program, reports of

which appear in this issue.

It was truly a "Pentecostal" convention in the true meaning of "Pentecost" to the hearts of those who have had the experience since the early outpouring. May the revival fires continue to burn and hearts be drawn to the Lord in the days that are to come.

The dates for the Camp Meeting were set for June 23 to July 12, 1942.

We are deeply indebted to Pastor Max Freimark and Pastor R. R. Carmichael together with their respective assemblies for the fine hospitality shown us; also for the cooperation of the Chamber of Commerce in supplying badges, programs and convention stickers; and to the Police Department for the courtesy shown in overtime parking. We can but say, "Thanks. The Lord reward all."

A LAY MEMBER'S ECHO OF THE MIDWINTER CONVENTION

"I am just a plain housewife, a lay member, one of Brother _____'s little flock. I thrilled Friday night when one of the 'plain' C.A.s spoke—perhaps sometimes we feel like the 'forgotten people.'

It was my privilege, when in another great state and the member of a large Young People's Society belonging to a denomination from which the Lord called me, to attend some great and spiritual conventions, but I've never been in one where

I was so blessed or saw the blessing of the Lord as in the one just closed.

I also have it on my heart to tell you that I was present Thursday afternoon and what a blessing and joy that meeting was, listening to the reports from each Home and Foreign Missionary, from Brother Dowdy right through to precious little Ruth Couchman and the dear sister who could only weep her gratitude. Please don't try to limit them or make them feel they haven't time—it is soul winning in action—the Acts of God today—and such a blessing to us home folks. It is just like a foretaste of heaven to hear from them, knowing they are just giving us the "high lights," hiding from sight the dark places. When I read of these places now, it will be with a new zeal and interest, and, what is more, I heard several other lay members expressing the same thought. As we work in our Women's Missionary Group, I know we will be holding each one up in prayer.

This is a mere echo from the Convention, coming as an echo should immediately after the sound goes forth, but I trust lasting until Jesus comes!"

Better give to the Lord according to your income

Lest the Lord make your income according to what you give.

—Motto in Santa Rosa Church.



AND NEVADA DISTRICT COUNCIL CONVENTION OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD AT UPRM SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA, FEB. 16, 1942

GLAD TIDINGS BIBLE INSTITUTE

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SENIORS

School has opened once more, and students are in their places, intent on the task of garnering a fuller knowledge of the Scriptures. Along with class work go the various activities, most of which are now well under way. Yearbook Editor Charles Smith is looking forward to a successful school annual now being compiled by a competent staff of workers. Individual pictures of each student and many snapshots were taken last month and have been turned in for publication. It is expected that the annual will be placed on sale approximately June 1.

Director Homer Thompson and the radio choir of Glad Tidings were participants at the midwinter convention in San Jose. Radio choir members are students of the Institute, as is Homer Thompson, the director. Since Brother Thompson intends to make musical directing his life work for the Lord, Brother Emil Balliet, music instructor, has turned the radio choir over to Brother Thompson's supervision.

Monday night meetings at the Temple are some of the most enjoyable of the week. Students are in complete charge, directing the song service, leading testimonies and prayer, and ministering the word. One of the most uplifting parts of any service is the testimony meeting, and Monday night services are no exception to this rule. When young Christians, bubbling over with zeal and enthusiasm for God, rise to their feet and in whole-hearted praise to God, give Him the glory for the life they now live, it is a sight to inspire the saint and challenge the sinner. Students for the most part are young, intelligent, healthy-minded individuals, many of whom have given up planned careers of popular acclaim to do God's will in the ministry. None have sacrificed, at least they do not call it sacrifice; for like the Apostle Paul they count all loss their greatest gain that they may win Christ. If there is a decision concerning the future of any young person reading

this article, we recommend that he or she consider that future in the light of eternal values. This is a day of "all out" preparedness for Americans on a national war emergency scale. We recommend that American Christians make, at this time, an "all out" consecration to God. There is no safer course to chart for the future than the one we chart for God. Young people, prepare yourself, train your minds and lives to live and work for God. There is a new semester starting at Glad Tidings Bible Institute on February 10, with Registration on Saturday, February 7. If you are in doubt about where to go from this point on, enroll in our spring semester.

Seniors of Glad Tidings this year have chosen for their class name, "Bezaleel Builders." Bezaleel, you will remember, was the man God equipped to build the tabernacle and it is the desire of each member of the class of '42 that God shall so furnish and equip us that in the future we too, as Bezaleel of old, shall be builders for God.—R.W.P.

JUNIORS

Although the future looks dark, yet as children of the Lord we should draw ever closer to Christ so that our light may shine more brightly in this world of darkness.

Before Christmas a party was enjoyed by the students and faculty. The evening started with singing of choruses and carols, after which everyone entered whole-heartedly into the games which brought much merriment and laughter. Names had been drawn and the lighted Christmas tree was laden with presents for each which were distributed with popcorn balls. Brother Jones then gave a brief Christmas message which was a blessing to us as we thought once more of the tiny babe who was born in a manger many years ago, the Christ who came to earth to bring peace and joy to all.

Most of the students spent their vacations at home. From the reports we received everyone had an enjoyable vaca-

tion. We know that even though they were on a vacation they had many opportunities to do service for their Lord. I am sure that they were a blessing and an inspiration to their home churches.

The first week of January was a week of prayer for the Assembly of God people. Thursday of that week was the day of prayer in the Institute. All classes were set aside and we spent the day in waiting before the Lord and offering our prayers and praise to Him who is most worthy of all praise. This little verse on prayer has been a blessing to me and I pass it on to you.

Prayer is so simple.

It is like quietly opening the door,
And slipping into the very presence of
God;

There in the stillness,
To listen to His voice,
Perhaps to petition
Or only to listen;
It matters not,
Just to be there;
In His presence.
Is prayer!

We have been very busy studying for tests as the first semester is now finished. The following are the courses we have been studying: English, Epistles I, Doctrine I, New Testament, Old Testament, Personal Work, Bible Atlas, Biblical Introduction, Homiletics, and Prophetic Books. We have finished Bible Atlas and are now taking up the study of Ages and Dispensation. The course in Biblical Introduction is also finished and we will now have History of Missions.

We welcome all the new students as they start their Bible School training this semester.

CARRIE MORGAN.

ALUMNI ECHOES

Edward Kidroske '37 has taken the pastorate at Hebron, N. D., and is now holding a youth revival in this church. He has opened up two branch works in neighboring communities, and desires an interest in our prayers for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

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Brother and Sister George Brown, recent graduates, have taken the pastorate at Minot, N. D. They had previously been engaged in evangelistic work.

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Recently, the San Francisco C.A.'s held
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CHRIST'S AMBASSADORS

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AN AMBASSADOR'S MINISTRY

By H. S. LEHMANN

"God WAS in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself." NOW we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were entreating by us." Stripped of amplification, you have read two verses from Second Corinthians. Indeed, they are revealing statements. The one gives reason for the imperative in Christ's life. The other gives reason why there should be an imperative in our lives. God was reconciling the world in Christ; God is entreating the world through us. This makes "Reconciliation" more than a doctrine, more than an event—it becomes a continuing principle, a continuing ministry.

It has occurred to me that perhaps a certain shallowness has marked some of our interpretations of being "Ambassadors for Christ." We have emphasized the unique position—a personal representative of the King. We have declared the powers and privileges—access to throne rooms and freedom from usually imposed bondages. We have talked of our duty—to live above reproach. Allow me to explain, in the light of His great ministry of reconciliation, the true responsibility of each of His ambassadors. It is, in turn, a ministry of reconciliation. God is entreating by us.

Of course, Christ's position was unique and every allowance must be made for that. There are a thousand ways in which we are not like Him. We readily give place to the extraordinary character of His ministry, but not without first saying that we wish we were more like Him. All of us feel the loss due to the difference between Him and us and between His ministry and our own. But there are resemblances, too. God was in Christ, reconciling; God is in us entreating, giving us a ministry of reconciliation. In this and I am about to say, in this alone, are we in union with His spirit and experiences.

The cross on Golgotha's hill was noth-

ing new to Jesus. He was always carrying a cross. Calvary brought neither change of atmosphere nor direction. He was always meeting the challenge of self and of sin. His "I must" at the tender age of twelve, grew in holy passion until it carried Him through Jordan's baptism, the wilderness testings, long nights of prayer, seasons of popularity, periods of persecution, Samaria's self-sufficiency, Jericho's wickedness, Jerusalem's indifference, Gethsemane's bloody sweat and tears, Judas' callous betrayal, Herod's cruel mockery, Pilate's unjust trial, Calvary's judgment for our sin, Death's grave and Hell's captivity. The zeal of the Lord's House gnawed at His vitals. He had set His face steadfastly to go to Jerusalem. And He went. "I must" and "I will" made His a crushing ministry of reconciliation.

"Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were entreating by us." His was not a spasmodic ministry. Ours must not be. Self-denial must be more than the casual dropping of a few Lenten weeks into a bunch of self-indulgent months. Jesus speaks of a "daily cross" when He speaks of discipleship. He knows that there is no salvation apart from a cross and that if we ever really know Him, it must be "in the fellowship of His sufferings." The world is still at enmity with God. Things of flesh and of spirit still clash. Human nature is still rebellious. And God still loves. How could we follow Christ and not carry a cross?

God's great, all-important entreaty found success only in a cross-bearing Christ. Successive entreaties will only be fruitful as uttered by cross-bearing Christians. If we are to be ambassadors for Christ, we must allow ourselves to be gripped with a soul-crushing passion like unto His. We must "bear about in our bodies the dying of the Lord Jesus." There must be hours of tears and prayers and crying. The souls of men must be all-important. Long night vigils must not be

uncommon. "Outer darkness," "heaven," and "hell" must be more than theological terms. "Eternal life" and "eternal damnation" must be more than coined phrases. This passion for the lost must press our hearts until something akin to the sacrifice of Christ flows forth. Christ "laid down His life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren."

Do we still wish to be Christ's Ambassadors? In ourselves we cannot. We must allow ourselves to be gripped of God. "Getting right with God" is man's deepest need and the Lord's most earnest concern for men. Helping men "get right with God" is our greatest task and truest joy. Let us set ourselves for the task assigned. "He that winneth souls is wise."

REPORT OF C. A. SERVICE

Friday evening of the Midwinter Convention at San Jose was the Christ's Ambassadors' service in charge of C. A. president, H. S. Lehmann.

The enthusiasm of the great group of young people was thrilling as they sang their C. A. Chorus. The preliminary part of the program was comprised of a number of beautiful specials, both vocal and instrumental. Two speakers had been chosen to give their ideas of "The Greatest Need of the Young People Today." Brother A. A. Lowe, pastor at Roseville and a District Presbyter, represented the ministers and the older people, and quoted from the second chapter of Joel: "That in the last days our sons and daughters shall prophesy" and stated that the greatest need of the young people today is a touch of God on their souls. Sister June Scott, one of the members of the C. A. group at Santa Cruz, stated that in her opinion the greatest need of the young people is a fresh glimpse of Calvary and to know Jesus in the fellowship of His suffering.

A special offering of \$108 was taken up for the purchase of printing equipment for Brother A. L. Calame to take with him

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SUNDAY SCHOOL News

MRS. BERNICE MAST, District Sunday School Representative
Morgan Hill, California

SUNDAY SCHOOL M. W. CONVENTION REPORT

The Sunday School conference supervised by Sister Bernice Mast at both morning and evening sessions on January 16 proved very instructive and interesting.

After a time of prayer and worship, Mrs. C. E. Persing spoke on the subject: "Giving Prayer Its Place in Our Sunday Schools." Others: "Giving the Holy Spirit His Place in Our Sunday Schools," Mrs. A. A. Lowe; "Giving Visitation and Personal Contact Its Proper Place in Our Sunday Schools," Sister Leah Brown; "Giving Missions Their Place in Our Sunday School," Pastor H. S. Lehmann. Brother Pirolo spoke on "The Parents' Duty Toward Their Children"; Brother A. J. Lebeck's subject was "Improving the Local School," with teachers' meetings, departmentalization, records, etc.; and a Brother Duffield told how to lead a child to Christ, what to do for the child after his conversion, and personal work, or "Evangelism in the Sunday School." "Introducing Our Sunday School to Town" was aptly illustrated by Brother M. H. Luce with posters and advertising material.

Time was given for discussion and a number of excellent exhibits of flannel board illustrations, object lessons, posters, and note books were on display. Some of these depicted Bible Stories, illustrated Sunday School lessons, singly and whole quarters, and progressive salvation lessons illustrated with posters. It was a problem for the judges to decide who should receive the beautiful walnut cross plaque with "Jesus Saves," which was given to Sister Eleanor Kerr of Calvary Tabernacle for her exhibit.

OUR CORNER

DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS . . .

Blessings on everyone of you!

Are you ready for the flowers to speak? They are ready to speak to you, . . . so

Word has been received from Springfield that a special California issue of the "Counsellor" is to come out in February and that Southern California and Northern California and Nevada Districts are to be congratulated on sending in 868 subscriptions out of an approximate total of 7,000.

Mrs. Bernice Mast and E. L. Friend will be pictured and also several successful California Schools.

Subscribe to "The Sunday School Counsellor," only 60 cents a year. Five or more to one address, 50 cents per year each.

listen!

Let's imagine that we are in a beautiful garden all filled with fragrant flowers, all kinds of them. We have come into the garden very quietly, with our ears open and our hearts eager to hear something, to hear something that maybe we have never heard before.

We walk over to the most popular of all the flowers, the one that is known as the King of flowers. . . . Can you guess which one that might be? Oh he is beautiful! Many books and poems and songs have been written about this beautiful flower.

This King of the garden is sometimes found in poor folks' gardens; then again we will find him in the grand gardens of large estates, where the wealthy people live. Driving along the roadways we find this flower; in the valleys and on the mountain sides.

This flower enters the homes where there is feasting and music; then again it enters the home where there is sorrow and heartache. We may find it beside hospital beds to bring cheer and comfort; in the funeral parlor with a message of love to those that mourn.

Many a bouquet made of this King of flowers has been carried by lovers to their loved one; and then again in the arms of

the happy bride as she walks down to the altar on her wedding day.

By way of plane, bus, car or train these flowers travel to fulfill their high and royal calling. . . . No wonder it wishes to speak to us, it has so much to say!

Are you still wondering what its name is? Listen, I believe it's going to speak:

"I was created by God Himself.

I live for Others.

I'm a type of Jesus the fairest of all.

I bear a message of God's love to you.

Now you can find my name if you look very carefully at the four lines above. Yes, I am the ——."

One of the valuable places you will find me is in the Bible, in Song of Solomon 2:1. This time my name is taken by Jesus himself, for He is the Rose of Sharon on that blooms for the whole world.

Let's listen to the story of the Rose of Sharon: As a Babe He came to the earth that first Christmas morn (God's precious Rosebud), to unfold His life here among men, that they might behold their Saviour. Some believed and followed Him, but others mocked and tried to put Him to death. As a Rose, He suffered the thorns of men's hatred and jealousy, of their lies and words of slander. At last wicked hands made a crown of thorns and placed it upon His head, making the pure white petals, as it were, crimson with His own precious Blood.

As the Rose, He came to beautify the earth for a season. On the Cross He bowed His head and died. His work on earth was finished. And as rose petals are often gathered from earth's gardens to make rare perfumes to send around the world, so His precious life on earth was crushed to make the rarest of all perfumes, the sweetest story ever told.

Have you received the Salvation that Jesus offers? Then why not ask Jesus to make you like Himself? A rose in the garden of His love, making happy those about you?

If this is your desire, then paste or draw in your Garden Notebook a large beautiful rose; in the center of it put a little rose. Write underneath the large rose these words: "Jesus, the fairest Rose of all," and "My life is hid with Christ in God." (The little rose stands for you.)

Next time the lilies will speak to us. God bless you boys and girls.

YOUR AUNT RUTH.

W. M. C.

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ningham and Amelia Noah who are co-workers with Sylvia Boyer at Garberville; Mrs. J. W. Westfall of Lower Lake; Mrs. Lowell E. Dowdy of Ferndale; Alta May Fenton; Mrs. James Merwin of Weitchpec; Mrs. Wesley E. Bliss of Fruitland; and Bernice Schliecker of Lovelock, Nevada. Victory was the keynote of all the reports. Many interesting and touching incidents were related and we praise God for these who carry the "glad tidings" of the Gospel to these out-of-the-way places and thank Him for every soul saved and every child that hears the story of the Saviour. The names of many groups were mentioned as the workers gave thanks for personal gifts, Christmas boxes, gifts of toys and fruit for the Sunday School children and, in some instances, money to purchase candy for the Sunday School children. In a number of places the children would not have received candy, if they had not been remembered by a W.M.C. group. Brother E. B. Searles, Home Missionary at Weott, thanked those who sent things to him and to his Sunday School. He said one box contained a rather odd combination of three dish towels, two wash rags, and a box of delicious chocolates; however, the confection was greatly enjoyed and the other things were put to good use. Others present were Mrs. C. F. Rowe, Mrs. Daisy Fowler, Mrs. Ruby Curtis, and a returned missionary from Germany. Sectional chairman from nine sub-districts were also present.

A shower of personal gifts and comforters, sheets, pillow cases, towels and clothing for a school in Peru was presented to Sister Ruth Couchman who is expecting to return to her work in Peru in May. Sister Couchman expressed her thanks in a beautiful way by comparing the work of the W.M.C. to that of Dorcas who was so greatly loved because of her kind deeds.

Several boxes of canned goods, mostly milk, several comforters and other articles were given to Brother A. L. Calame who expects to return to Alaska as soon as possible. Also \$5.50 was given toward an electric washing machine, and we trust other offerings will come in for this need. We regret that Sister Calame was unable to attend.

A number of garments, comforters, boxes of clothing, two layettes, an overcoat, a set of silver and several lovely hand made rugs were given out to workers. An offering of \$4.50 was given toward a communion set for a small church. We are truly grateful for the response of the different groups.

Sister C. E. Persing spoke for a few minutes about Red Cross work in our W.M.C. Each locality will have to work according to the requirements of the community, but some groups have already set aside a day or more a month for Red Cross work, taking articles home or gathering in their own workrooms to sew. Some are taking up First Aid and Home Nursing. It is well also to be prepared with the Word of God so that we can be witnesses wherever opportunity affords.

The new Assistant Director, Mrs. R. J. Renfroe, expressed appreciation for the personal gifts and things done for the Happy Camp parsonage in behalf of Mrs. Douglas Cooksey who was ill. Sister Renfroe also spoke of defense activities required in her locality and admonished all to take advantage of every opportunity to witness for the Lord.

EXCERPTS FROM SUNDAY SCHOOL CONFERENCE

Prayer is the "wick," the Holy Spirit is the "oil," visiting and personal contact is the "chimney," and giving to Missions is the "light." This was the illustration given by Sister Mast.

The promotion of Missions in the Sunday School gives (1) submitted will; (2) sacrifice of self; (3) dependence upon God. Sunday School builds Christian character.

H. S. LEHMANN.

Brother Duffield's prayer in leading a child to Christ: "Oh God, I thank you for Jesus Christ who died on Calvary for all my sins and I want to accept you now as my Saviour. God, be merciful to me, a sinner, and save me now."

Brother Pirolo: "Antichrist is the ultimate of lack of correction." There are two reasons why 90 per cent of crime is done by adolescents, 75 per cent of inmates in industrial institutions are under 18 years of age and two-thirds of the arrests made are of those between the ages of 15 and 24, (1) what the young people read (2) lack of discipline on the part of parents.

ALUMNI

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an election of officers, and it was interesting to note that three of the officers chosen are members of Alumni Association, namely, Emil Balliet, president (Class of '30); Thos. Custock, vice-president (Class of '38); and Ruth Epperson, second vice president (Class of '37). These young people are very active workers around Glad Tidings Temple, San Francisco.

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Brother Gottlieb Rosen '41 is seen frequently around Glad Tidings Temple, San Francisco, in the uniform of a Coast Guardsman. He is stationed at Treasure Island.

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Brother and Sister Dowdy '39 have been laboring at Ferndale for the past five months, and report that the Sunday School there has doubled its attendance. Brother and Sister Yunker have just held a revival campaign there.

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Antoinette Johnson '39 reports from Brazil that they now have their own station, and souls are being saved. They are very happy there and only wish that they had gone sooner.

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Brother Leonard Rogers '25 and wife are holding a campaign at Glad Tidings Temple, San Francisco.

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NOTE:—We would be happy to hear from other members of our Alumni Association. Send your reports to Brother Wm. A. Weinmann, secretary-treasurer, care of Glad Tidings, 1441 Ellis St., San Francisco. Thank you!

WILLIAM A. WEINMANN.

The itching sensation that some people mistake for ambition is merely inflammation of the wishbone.—Mutual M.

WANTED: To trade — "Artist" Trombone for Baritone horn, or will sell. Pastor C. R. Peterson, Patterson.

WANTED: To buy—E. Flat Alto Saxophone. Write District Superintendent, P. O. Box 393, St. Helena, California.

TAKE HEED

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again and again with the blessed Holy Spirit. One experience is not enough. We have this treasure in earthen or "leaky" vessels; there must be many fresh infillings of the Spirit if we are to keep up to date with God. Many of God's spiritual giants have left their testimony with us that they experienced these recurring "baptisms of power." We must have them, dear friends, or we shall go stale and lose our power for service.

Last of all let me speak of the man of God as one who knows the meaning of *labor*. God's Scriptural ministers are all laboring men. This labor takes a three-fold form. First, they know how to labor in *prayer*. Of Epaphras we read that he "laboured fervently in prayer." This is unquestionably the sine qua non of the Christian ministry, viz., we cannot get along without it. Prayer gives tone to our preaching and our ministry. Without it we are apt to be "like sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal." The real man of God is always likewise a real man of prayer. In the second place, God's preacher labors in the *study*. Unless a man studies he is apt to resemble a horse tethered to a hitching post, going around and around in circles and never getting anywhere. Soon those who hear him become bored because he has nothing fresh to offer them. There is too much "surface" preaching; too little evidence of study. Gold is not found on the surface; it must be mined; it must be dug out. This means labor.

The third manifestation of the preacher as a laboring man takes place in the *pulpit*. There the preacher puts all the strength of heart and mind, soul and body into the preaching of the unsearchable riches of Christ. When this kind of a preacher gets through with his sermon no one doubts that he has been laboring. He is very apt to work up a sweat. My little boy says that he doesn't want to be a preacher "because you have to sweat too much." Well, we may be assured of this that we will never do much for God unless we learn how to labor even if it means "sweat" in order to do it.

So, brethren, let us love our Christ, walk in humility and obedience, depend upon the Holy Spirit for power and labor with all our might until we have finished the ministry He has given us to perform.

HERE AND THERE

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stalled in the prayer-room. Also a new lawn by the church and a double garage at the parsonage and all improvements are paid for. Brother and Sister Robert Thomas filled in while Pastor Peterson attended the General Council. Brother H. H. Burgess has recently held a two weeks revival which was much blessed of God, and the saints edified and one received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. Over the holiday season several were reclaimed and a revival spirit prevailed as the newly baptized sister brought in her relatives.

Petaluma

Pastor Don Carlos stated that they are planning to complete their basement thus providing many more Sunday School rooms. They recently had 103 in attendance. The Light Bearers' Quartet began a meeting with them on January 20.

Redwood City

Evangelist Nicholas Pirolo holds a meeting in Redwood City from February 3 to 8. He just finished a meeting in Berkeley and in January had a meeting in San Jose and Morgan Hill. His next meeting will be in Roseville beginning February 10.

Reno

Evangelist H. M. Richardson conducted a meeting for Pastor S. H. Robertson in the forepart of January and then went to Tule Lake for a campaign.

San Francisco

Evangelist Medora and Leonard Rogers began a meeting in Glad Tidings on January 18.

Sacramento

Evangelist W. E. Long began a meeting in the early part of February at Bethel Temple. They just concluded a meeting in Bakersfield with Pastor Floyd Hawkins.

The Sunday School had their Staff Meeting and dinner on the 19th and 68 were present. There were 42 members present, 15 visitors and 11 out of town guests. During the dinner hour a number of special instrumental and vocal numbers were rendered. Interesting reports were heard from the division and department Superintendents. Talks were given by visiting ministers and W. T. Gaston was the speaker of the evening. The General Superintendent A. J. Lebeck reported that the Sunday School reached an all time record in 1941 with an average attendance of 300.

San Bruno

Frank Roubal is the new pastor of the church at San Bruno. He comes from the Southern District and began his ministry the early part of December. They will dedicate their new church building, located at 322 West Angus Avenue, at the time of the District Fellowship Meeting at their church February 9.

Sebastopol

The December North Bay fellowship meeting was a wonderful time of refreshing in the

Lord. Sister C. E. Wagner of Benicia was the afternoon speaker and Brother M. P. Bohnet of Santa Rosa, the evening speaker. A special children's service was conducted at 6 p.m. by Sister Ruth Fry from Middletown. A Catholic woman was saved and a man loosed from the drink habit is now going on with God.—Viola Griggs, Pastor.

Soledad

Pastor H. H. Gaddis has resigned at Soledad.

Standard

The church is being done over and is a greatly needed improvement as nothing has been done to it for years. God has been blessing and interest is growing, writes pastor H. Rhodes.

Tranquillity

In a recent revival with Evangelist W. A. Gould, there were eleven souls saved.—Pastor W. A. Frazier.

Trinidad

A report comes from the secretary of the church, Mrs. B. Olmsted, that two have been saved, three baptized in water, and three united with the church. Sunday morning services have again been started and the Lord is stirring hearts with their need for God. Brother C. F. Rowe is pastor.

Wheatland

Evangelist Julia Peterson started a campaign here on January 20.

Weed

Brother K. E. Jillson who has resigned from Riverbank is filling in at Weed since Brother A. B. League resigned.

Yreka

Miss Margaret Renfroe has been occupying the pulpit in Yreka since Camp Meeting and accepted the pastorate the first of this year.

PERSONAL MENTION

Sister E. W. Thommen and Betty have moved to Salt Lake City due to the offices of the War Department at the Presidio being moved from San Francisco where Sister Betty has been employed. They will advise us later of their address. We shall miss these loved ones from our midst but we pray the Lord will use them there to His glory.

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Sister Ella Schroeder writes she is now located in Los Olivos, California, where she is conducting a community Sunday School in a fine church building over fifty years old.

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Pastor E. E. Zimmerman advises that Sister Zimmerman has been ill for some time and unable to be up and that she is in a serious condition. Let us remember these good workers in fervent prayer and that God will undertake for her complete healing.

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Pastor John Gouveia of Sacramento is the new superintendent of the Portuguese works of the Assemblies of God Fellowship succeeding Brother J. I. Rodrigues.

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STUDIES IN REVELATION

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secution of the saved ones will have been inaugurated, and many will doubtless have denied their Lord in order to save their lives, but the true saints will have "loved not their lives unto the death"; in other words, they will have died the death of martyrs, as have multitudes in almost every age of the world's history.

3. Announcement of the third woe and the reason why it will exceed in its intensity the two preceding woes. "Woe to the inhabiters of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time."

The fifth trumpet constitutes the first woe, the sixth trumpet the second woe, and the seventh trumpet which includes the seven vials, constitutes the third woe. The seventh trumpet judgment will cover the entire period of the great tribulation, the last three and a half years of Daniel's seventieth week. The beginning of the sounding of this trumpet will mark the middle of the week. It will be at the middle of the week that Satan will come down to earth, having been ejected from heaven as a result of the war against him on the part of Michael and his angels. At that particular time it appears that the Antichrist will be assassinated and will be raised from the dead by the power of the devil, and, having been thus raised, he will be indwelt by Satan, and will proceed to make war against the two witnesses and to overcome them. The Antichrist, indwelt by Satan, will then reign as the Beast during the three and a half years that will follow. It will be "the time of Jacob's trouble" (Jer. 30:7), the "time of trouble, such as never was, since there was a nation even to that same time" (Dan. 12:1). See also Matt. 24:21, 22.

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to Alaska when he returns to his labors there.

The church was packed with many standing. The Spirit of the Lord was mightily manifest throughout the evening and a great altar service fittingly closed the convention with many staying for more than an hour to meet with God. Souls were saved and filled with the Holy Spirit.

PRAYER

Sister Zelma Argue's scripture reading on prayer:

Acts 1:14. "These all continued with one accord in prayer. . . ."

Acts 2:42. "And they continued steadfastly . . . , and in prayers."

Acts 2:46, 47. "And they, continuing daily with one accord . . . praising God. . . ."

Acts 2:12:5. ". . . Prayer was made without ceasing. . . ."

Eph. 1:16. "Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers."

Eph. 6:18. "Praying always with all prayer and supplication. . . ."

Phil. 1:4. "Always in every prayer. . . ."

Col. 1:9. ". . . We do not cease to pray. . . ."

1 Thess. 3:10. "Night and day praying exceedingly. . . ."

1 Thess. 5:17. "Pray without ceasing."

2 Tim. 1:3. ". . . I have remembrance of thee in my prayers night and day."

A CONFESSION

"Almighty God, as I sit here this lovely Sunday morning surrounded by the paper, and half-listening to one of the big preachers over the radio, it has just come to me that I have lied to Thee and to myself. I said I was not well enough to go to church. That was not true. I would have gone to the office if it had been Monday morning. I would have played golf if it had been Wednesday afternoon. I would have attended my lunch club if it had met this noon. But it was Sunday morning, and Sunday sickness seems to cover a multitude of sins. God, have mercy on me, I have lied to Thee and myself. I am not sick, I am lazy. Amen."—*Christian Readers' Digest*.

A TALL ORDER

A Western rancher had asked the district superintendent that a pastor be assigned to his community. "How big a man do you want?" the district superintendent asked. "Well," the wiry man of tan replied, "we're not overly particular, but when he's on his knees we'd like to have him reach heaven."—*The Elim Evangel*.

What is defeat? Nothing but education; nothing but the first step to something better.—Mutual M.

PERSONAL MENTION

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Evangelist R. E. Henke began a revival in Calexico on January 4.

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Rosia Sauer and sister are conducting services in Duran, New Mexico, and are caring for five orphan children which assists them in staying on there.

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G. Richard Maloney asks for the continued prayers of all for complete recovery to health. At times he is better, but at other times not well at all, he writes. The failure in health necessitated his resignation from Yreka last summer.

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Brother and Sister Willard C. Peirce are now located at Kitchener, Ontario, Canada, where they are pastoring the Pentecostal Tabernacle.

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Sister Betty Burton and her coworker have been holding meetings in Arizona but are returning to the Northern California District. Anyone wishing to contact them for meetings can write to 5075 Montezuma Street, Highland Park, Los Angeles, California.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

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into the eastern part of the Republic. We graduated nine good Christian workers and gave an invitation to the first year students to return next year to complete their studies. We had an enrollment of 37 students in all; four from Guatemala, seven from Nicaragua and the rest from El Salvador. Though all these men are from very different spheres of life and all had widely divergent motives and ambitions they have met here under one roof and lived in precious spiritual harmony for the school term while preparing themselves to carry out a purpose that God, through the Holy Spirit, has put into their hearts; that of preaching the Glorious Gospel of Salvation to their fellow countrymen."

WHERE YOU OUGHT TO BE

Hoffman, the famous German chemist, once related an experience he had. In 1890 he visited Glasgow, arriving in town late Saturday night. The following morning he went to call on Sir William Thompson, afterward Lord Kelvin. The door bell was answered by a maid, of whom Hoffman asked if Sir William were at home. "Sir, he most certainly is not." "Could you tell me where I might find him?" "You will find him in church, sir," was the reply, "where you ought to be."—*Sunday School Chronicle*.

I Have Found A Ransom

By R. H. Moon, Pastor, Bethel Tabernacle, Oakland, Calif.

In the thirty-third chapter of Job we have a beautiful picture of the ransom paid by Christ in His humanity and earthly ministry. Herein is depicted in type the entire plan of redemption. In fact the entire book of Job bespeaks the sufferings and victories of our Lord in His earthly ministry. The first and second chapters seem to indicate that Satan is the prince of this world (1:7 and 12:2). He secured this kingdom because Adam failed God and gave dominion of the world to Satan. Here again, in the person of Job, God has His perfect man in the world (1:1 and 2:3). Again Satan tries to overthrow God's perfect man, as he did with Adam. But this time Satan fails. In this respect Job typifies Christ. The book of Job is the oldest in the Bible, even antedating the book of Genesis. Can it be possible that, even at this early date, immediately after the tragedy in the garden, that God again sets His perfect man in the world, as a lesson to all future generations pointing to the coming of the One who would pay the ransom for sin? (19:25).

In the three friends the voices of Human Experience, Tradition, and Legality speak. But Job replies to each with the voice of Human Righteousness. At length "The words of Job are ended" (31:40). Then "these three men cease to answer Job" (32:1). Now Elihu speaks. He is represented as the Spirit-filled man speaking (32:8 and 18-22). Observe that Elihu does not speak until all other arguments have ceased (32:4). Thus it has ever been with the Spirit whom he symbolizes. He waits until man's words have run out, then He speaks with Divine anointing. When He speaks He speaks of Christ. Thus we have the beautiful symbolism of the thirty-third chapter. In this chapter we have the entire plan of redemption and the ransom paid by Christ.

First there comes into view the creation of man in verse 4. It also speaks of the Last Adam who was conceived by the Holy Ghost. Now we see man before God in verse 5. Compare Gen. 3:8-9. The Ransom appears in verse 6. In this connection note Job's wish as expressed in

9:33, 16:21, and 23:3. Next we have the Ransom's gentleness (vs. 7) for "a bruised reed shall He not break, and smoking flax shall He not quench." And again "Thy gentleness hath made me great." In order to pay the ransom He must be a Lamb without spot and this is shown to us in verse 9.

Next we are told of His sufferings in verses 10-11. Isaiah tells of this more in detail in chapter fifty-three. Now God speaks and asks of man the greatest of all questions in vs. 13, "Why dost thou strive against Him?"

There follows now a list of God's dealing with man to save him from the pit, and to bring him to the place where he will cease to strive against this blessed Ransom.

1. He speaks to man's inner self, vs. 14.
2. Man perceives it not, vs. 14.
3. He speaks again by means of dreams and visions, vs. 15. See Chapter 4:12-17.
4. He speaks audibly in man's ears, vs. 16.
5. The reason of all this is given in vs. 17-18.

6. But since man will not listen to these gentler voices God speaks again and in a more stern way, vs. 19-22.

At this point we come to the ministry of the human friend. This one, unlike Job's three friends, does not accuse the sufferer unjustly, but lovingly he interprets to him all of God's dealings in his life thus far (vs. 23). Such an one is rare indeed for he is "one among a thousand." But like the true man of God that he is, this interpreter forestalls the sufferer's accusations against God by speaking to Him of God's "uprightness." Then he graciously prays unto the Ransom for his friend, and says, "deliver him from going down to the pit" (vs. 24).

At this point the Spirit witnesses to the sufferer, and we hear him exclaim "I have found a Ransom" (vs. 24). Next appears the result of his finding and accepting the ransom price paid by Jesus.

1. His flesh shall be fresher than a child's. Healing, vs. 25.
2. His youth shall be renewed, vs. 25.
3. He is now on praying terms with

God, vs. 26.

4. God is favorable unto him, vs. 26.
5. God renders unto man His own righteousness, vs. 26.

In the 27-30 verses we have outlined how the Ransom is made available to man!

1. God looks with compassion upon man.

2. Man confesses, "I have sinned."
3. I have perverted that which was right.

4. It profited me nothing.
5. God delivers man's soul from the pit.
6. Man shall see and walk in the light.
7. All these things worketh God oftentimes with a man.

8. To bring back his soul from the pit.
9. To enlighten him with the light of the living.

MY PRAYER

"Lord, speak to me, that I may speak
In living echoes of Thy tone;
As thou hast sought, so let me seek
Thy erring children, lost and lone.

O lead me, Lord, that I may lead
The wandering and the wavering feet;
O feed me, Lord, that I may feed
Thy hungering ones with manna sweet.

O strengthen me, that while I stand
Firm on the Rock, and strong in Thee
I may stretch out a loving hand,
To wrestlers with the troubled sea.

O teach me, Lord, that I may teach
The precious things Thou dost impart;
And wing my words, that they may reach
The hidden depths of many hearts.

O give Thine own sweet rest to me,
That I may speak with soothing power
A word in season, AS FROM THEE,
To weary ones in needful hour.

O fill me with Thy fullness, Lord,
Until my very heart o'erflow
In kindly thought and glowing word,
Thy love to tell, Thy praise to show.

O use me, Lord, use even me,
Just AS Thou wilt, and WHEN and
WHERE;
Until Thy blessed face I see,
Thy rest, Thy joy, Thy glory share."
—Sent in by Evangelist June Garrard.